

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 15. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	82.1	86.8	86.6	80.5	83.3	83.6
• Passed 2 subtests	11.1	8.7	8.3	12.5	9.4	9.6
• Passed 1 subtest	5.1	2.9	2.9	5.0	5.3	4.4
• Passed no subtests	1.6	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.5

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	47.1%	42.2%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	52.3%	44.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	66.8%	63.9%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	96.9%	47.1%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	89.7%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	97.4%	51.6%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	96.1%	47.1%	
Female	97.5%	47.1%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	91.0%	23.6%	
Hispanic	100.0%	100.0%	
White	98.7%	51.9%	
Other	90.0%	50.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	86.1%	24.0%	
Pay for lunch	97.8%	49.1%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	72.2%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	68.8%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,412	N/A	\$5,121	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 92.9%	91.4%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.3 to 1	N/A	26.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,844)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	70.2%	N/A	75.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	98.0%	Up from 97.7%	96.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	7.8%	Up from 2.0%	5.6%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=133)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.0 Days	Up from 7.2	7.8 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 96.4%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	65.4%	Down from 71.0%	64.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	91.7%	Up from 90.9%	86.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.3%	Up from 0.0%	1.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.4%	Up from 87.4%	86.2%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,526	Up 2.5%	\$40,015	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	1.1%	Down from 1.2%	1.8%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.0%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	6.0	N/A	6.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	48.5%	N/A	56.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	4.9%	Up from 3.0%	3.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	64	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	15.0%	Down from 19.5%	15.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.3%	Down from 8.8%	6.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.3%	N/A	0.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	1268	N/A	466	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	3.9%	N/A	30.5%	23.1%





## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Irmo High School, twice recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, has experienced a successful 2000-2001 school year. Outstanding achievements include: a first place finish of the Academic Team at the 2000 Academic Tournament, which qualified the team for the 18th consecutive national competition; the Academic Quiz Team then placed first in the highly prestigious National Quiz Competition. 17 students were named as Palmetto Fellows, four as National Merit Finalists, three as National Merit Commended Scholars, and two as National Achievement Finalists. The Bands of Irmo achieved the unprecedented honor of the seventh consecutive State 5A Marching Band Championship and the Symphonic Winds were invited to perform at the prestigious Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic. The Girls and Boys Tennis Team won state 4A championships. The Irmo Cheerleaders, Girls' Swim Team, and Boys' Cross Country Team were all runners-up in state competitions. The Irmo High School VICA Business Procedures Team placed first in national competition, and Phil Tanner was named Southeast VICA advisor of the year.

Academic achievement remains our primary goal as we strive for success for our students. Test scores indicated gains this year, as well as areas in need of improvement. Our faculty is involved in curriculum writing and curriculum mapping as continuous staff development activities. Seven teachers applied for National Board Certification this year. Two teachers served as AP exam readers. Seventy percent of our teachers possess a Master's degree or higher.

Irmo High School has a tradition of excellence that supports the continuation of high standards for all students. Seventy-two percent of our students plan post-secondary education. Our school provides 64 clubs and organizations in which students may choose to participate. Thirty percent of our students participate in at least one athletic activity, and 75 percent of our students participate in at least one extra curricular activity.

Parents and the community provide support for our programs through booster clubs, PTSO, SIC, and the numerous individual volunteer hours logged each year for our students. The PTSO sponsored and dedicated the David Eckstrom College and Career Center this year and staffed the center with parent volunteers.

As we plan for the future, we encourage the assistance and support of the parents and community which will enable us to continue to provide a quality educational program for our students.

Gerald Witt, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	82.9	62.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	81.1	65.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	89.2	78.6	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,844 Students

### Principal

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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